



Mobility Management
of Brown County
"Creating Independence"

Mobility Management of Brown County contributes to long-range planning goals of the county and our extensive network of partners, to move older adults and individuals with disabilities where they need to go at a price they can afford.



Mobility Management is **not** a service provider and the Mobility Coordinator does **not** schedule rides.

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Mobility Management Program of Brown County

The 2018 Brown County Transportation Needs Survey

The second Brown County Transportation Needs Survey was recently completed. The purpose of this survey was to receive input from county residents about their transportation needs and wants—what they are willing to commit to and invest in; to identify gaps in service; and obtain feedback on potential projects to address needs and bridge gaps. We gathered 494 responses between March 1—April 6, via Survey Monkey and paper-copies. Every town, village and city were represented with respondents answering 21 questions.

Highlights of Survey:

- 494 Completed survey; however, not all 494 answered every question.
- 126 of 463 respondents from communities outside the Metro service area
 - 56 of 107 respondents stated they are interested in weekly or monthly trips to the city of Green Bay to connect with the city bus, shop, and attend medical appointments.
- 339 reported their age ranges of: 5 are under 18; 27 are between 18-24; 189 are between 25-59; 36 are 60-64; and 82 are 65+ years old.
- 110 of 414 report currently being unable to drive and top reasons reported were not having a license and age/safety.
- 206 of 386 report public transportation would best meet needs if available and affordable.
- When asked what would improve transportation, the top two answers were: extend service to my area where it currently does not exist, and extend hours of service for 3rd shift and Sundays.
- When transportation is unavailable, respondents stated they give up shopping and community participation, leading to high rates of depression, anxiety and isolation resulting in declining health.

A summary of the results will be publicly available online at greenbaymetro.org.

Announcements & Updates

- A new travel trainer was hired at Green Bay Metro. Welcome Cindy Stengl.
- Green Bay Metro website has a new look! Check it out at: greenbaymetro.org
- East side transfer point opening July 30, making east side mobility faster. It is located on Main St frontage road, near Sherman Williams and Starbucks.
- Safe Stop Program: Report bus stop concerns to: 448-3450.
- Volunteer Drivers are needed for Curative Connections transportation services. Call 227-4272 for info.
- Veterans carrying a "Service Connected" military i.d., ride Metro for free.
- Veterans can also access transportation through the DAV—call 431-2641.

Mobility Management Programs at work in Wisconsin

Projects at work in Wisconsin:

Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous vehicles, or self-driving vehicles, are cars that can operate in any situation on roadways without required actions or input by a driver.

This is accomplished through technology that allows the car to sense and “see” its environment to make decisions that a human driver is both currently responsible for, and actions that they may not be capable of performing. For example, an autonomous vehicle is able to sense a deer in a forest and prepare to stop, while a human driver would not be able to react until the deer has crossed onto the road.

Facts on Transportation:

Did you know?

- Metro Bus Station serves as a hub of transportation and includes ticket sales and stops for Greyhound, Lamers, Indian Trails and Jefferson Lines going anywhere in the country, leaving 6 times per day.
- Menominee Transit makes stops in Pulaski on the way to numerous Green Bay stops before continuing all the way to Milwaukee. 715-799-3222.
- With the addition of the East Side transfer point, there are now 5 places to transfer: Metro Station, Bay Park SquareMall, De Pere ShopKo, East Side location, and Green Bay Plaza.
- If you receive BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid, you qualify for free transportation to medical appointments through MTM. 866-907-1493.

There are many semi-autonomous features in cars today, such as adaptive cruise control, lane departure assist and warnings, automatic braking, and collision notification. However, these features still require the driver to have continuous input and actions in order for the car operate safely. The ultimate goal, which the example above exhibits, is for vehicles to be fully autonomous—or driverless—to maximize efficiency and save lives that would ultimately be lost due to human error.

Projects using autonomous vehicles are cropping up in various cities across the country, including Wisconsin.

As with anything, there are pros and cons to such technology.

You can learn more by visiting the website of Wisconsin Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds: <https://wiscav.org/>

Personal Story:

Many transportation options exist for individuals but can vary depending on eligibility requirements and service areas.

It is a good idea to know what options you have available and get registered **before** you need it.

Most specialized transportation services require an application and eligibility determinations, and that takes time.

“Where do I begin?”

Start by calling the Mobility Coordinator: 920-448-3450. Find what services you may be eligible for and how to apply.

Connect with the Aging & Disability Resource Center: 920-448-4300. They can connect you to a variety of services and assistance, including transportation.

Types of transportation:

- Subsidized and non-profits for older adult and disabled populations.
- Private pay for-profits specialized transportation and taxis.
- Volunteer programs for certain populations (such as Veterans, older adult and disabled individuals).
- Brokerage, such as MTM, which provides medical trips for recipients at no cost to the rider.